



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3751**

Attorney Ref.: 1442.041

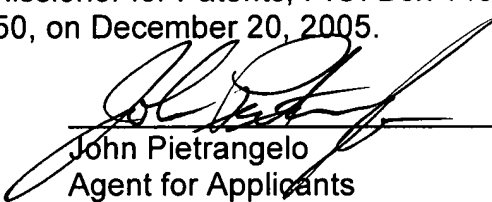
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: W. John GARDENIER Confirmation No.: 8270
Serial No.: 10/614,312 Group Art Unit: 3751
Filed: 07/07/2003 Examiner: Le, Huyen D.

Title: SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND VALVES FOR PROVIDING
PRESSURIZED WATER TO A PLURALITY OF WATER JETS IN A
BATHING ENCLOSURE

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**Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114
and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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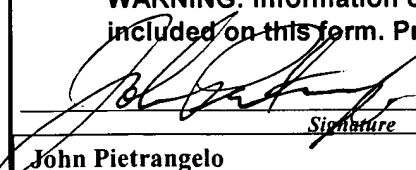
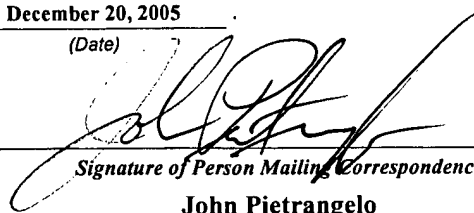
Introductory Comments

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Response to Office Action is being filed in response to a final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2005. Since

Application No.: 10/614,312
Amendment dated December 20, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2005

this response is being filed on or before December 20, 2005, this Response is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. 1442.041	
Applicant(s): W. John Gardenier					
Application No. 10/614,312	Filing Date 07/07/2003	Examiner Le, Huyen D.	Customer No. 23405	Group Art Unit 3751	Confirmation No. 8270
Invention: SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND VALVES FOR PROVIDING PRESSURIZED WATER TO A PLURALITY OF WATER JETS IN A BATHING ENCLOSURE					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	35 -	48 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	6 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1935 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
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